

HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT

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(1 PETER 2:9)

Beloved, “...ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar [that is, His purchased] people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light!” (1 PETER 2:9). Now, what does this verse teach us about salvation? Beloved, it teaches us that salvation is only found in the Lord Jesus Christ, our marvelous light.

Believing sinner, He is the only Savior, He is the only way, indeed, He accomplished all of our salvation [JOHN 14:6, ISAIAH 40:1-2]. Again and again by God’s grace we both see and believe the Truth that’s taught from God’s only holy book, the Bible, how that salvation is of the Lord (JONAH 2:9).

The Lord declares “*I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness* [and indeed beloved, we no longer walk in it], *but shall have* [by the free undeserved gift of His grace] *the light of life*” (JOHN 8:12).

What kind of life is the Lord talking about? He is talking about everlasting life beloved. You see, it can’t be physical life, because we already have that. Rather, our Lord and God, Jesus Christ is talking about spiritual life, He is talking about eternal life.

Our Lord praying as the God/man mediator, confessed to our Heavenly Father “*As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent*” (JOHN 17:2-3).

Who is the only true God? Who is the mighty God? It is Jesus Christ our Lord, the One our Heavenly Father has sent into the world to save sinners! In the words of our Lord’s enemies, “*Who can forgive sins?*” (LUKE 5:21), only Jesus Christ our mighty God alone! (ISAIAH 9:6).

Dear reader, may our heavenly Father give you grace to believe our Lord and God, Jesus Christ. For He alone can forgive you of all your sins, He alone can clothe you in God’s righteousness, the only righteousness acceptable to our Heavenly Father.

Beloved, all our light, all our life, indeed all our salvation is only found in Christ Jesus the Lord who is our *life and light*.

My friend, our Lord Jesus declares “*I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I AM, ye shall die in your sins.*” (JOHN 8:24). AMEN!

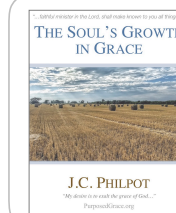
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(1 JOHN 1:7)



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WHO IS A PARDONING GOD LIKE THEE?

"WHO IS A GOD LIKE UNTO THEE, THAT PARDONETH INIQUITY, AND PASSETH BY THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE REMNANT OF HIS HERITAGE? HE RETAINETH NOT HIS ANGER FOR EVER, BECAUSE HE DELIGHTETH IN MERCY. HE WILL TURN AGAIN, HE WILL HAVE COMPASSION UPON US; HE WILL SUBDUE OUR INIQUITIES; AND THOU WILT CAST ALL THEIR SINS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA."

(MICAH 7:18-19)

Before God could forgive a sinner in accordance with His infinite holiness and perfect justice, think what had to be done, sacrificed, and suffered. Measure God's pardon by the obstacles His pardoning love overcame, and then you can form some idea of its intensity.

God has fathomed His love and pity in one text "*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son*" (JOHN 3:16). That little word "so" contains more than heaven or earth can describe. In it—is the heart of God, in it—is the depth of [His] pardoning love.

Oh think for a minute what that pardon cost, which now makes your soul sing for joy. You received it freely enough because another paid the price. But what was that price? [Beloved] it cost [our Lord] Jesus a price no lip can tell and no heart conceive. See Him tied too yonder pillar, mark that awful scourge as it falls again and again upon His quivering flesh. Note how deep the thongs cut, drawing blood at every stroke. Your pardon cost that "*by His stripes we are healed*" (ISAIAH 53:5). Follow Him in that weary walk to Calvary. Linger by Him as fever courses through His veins while head, and hands, and feet all drip with gore. Stay by Him until His sacred head falls upon the bosom and His great heart breaks with anguish. And then looking up into that ashen countenance say, my pardon cost Him that. Yes no pardon could ever have come to guilty man

if an atonement had not been made that satisfied divine justice, honored the law, and magnified the holiness of God (ISAIAH 42:21).

It is sweet work to trace the Ruby stream of forgiving love and mark how it would flow on until it reached the sinner, yes even though it flowed along the channel of a Saviors wounds. Who is a pardoning God like thee, who has grace so rich and free? [AMEN!]

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DO NOT SIN AGAINST THE CHILD

"...DO NOT SIN AGAINST THE CHILD; AND YE WOULD NOT HEAR? THEREFORE, BEHOLD, ALSO HIS BLOOD IS REQUIRED." (GENESIS 42:22)

"*Do not sin against the child*" (GENESIS 42:22). One way of sinning against the child is by bad example. The characters of parents are carefully watched and imitated by their children. You profess dear friend to be a Christian, and your child knows you are a member of this church. He has seen you partake of the Lord's Supper—and then when you've gone home he has in a moment detected the *discrepancy* between your behavior at church and your daily life at home. The angry temper, the selfish spirit, the worldly conversation, all these have been so many *sins against the child*. By some evil examples seen by them in early life an impression may be made upon their souls the effects of which will remain to their dying day—and beyond!

Oh how dreadful the thought that by our own *hypocritical* lives we may be sinning against the little darlings we often feel we could die for. God forbid, that at the last great day, any of our children should turn to us with blanched cheek and say, "Father and mother, if I am damned—it is by copying the example you placed before me!"

You may also sin against the child by neglecting the means of its salvation. Do you have to confess before the Lord that the eternal interests of your children find but a small space in your *prayers*? Oh do not sin so against the child—he is worth praying for!

What are you doing to try to bring them to Jesus? (LUKE 5:19) Do you ever tell them of the love of Jesus? Have you ever tried to show them their need of the Savior and pointed them to Him who said "*Suffer the little children to come unto me*" [MATTHEW 19:14, MARK 10:14, LUKE 18:16].

These are solemn questions for I say to you dear parents in all love and from the very depths of my heart, 'If you neglect the means for bringing your little ones to Christ, you are sinning against the child and his blood will be required of you!' 'If you do not teach them, the devil will!'

Oh friends it is a crying shame that in our meetings there are to be found men who pray as if they were dying to see the world converted and they never pray for their own children. It is a sad fact that there are many who seem wondrously in earnest about the conversion of strangers, who [seemingly] let their own children go to hell without a warning or entreaty.

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